Who should've been PEOPLE's Sexiest Man Alive?

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Last week, PEOPLE Magazine announced their 2026 Sexiest Man Alive. And reactions are…. Confused. Noah Wyle, star of the hit medical drama "The Pitt," was declared this year's winner and created an odd online frenzy. Some people had no clue who Wyle even was and if they did, approval was low for this decision.

Some people were in support, but others claimed that Wyle wasn't even the sexiest man on "The Pitt."

Wyle has actually had a pretty strong career, even if he feels unknown. He has an affinity for medical shows and rose to fame through playing Dr. John Carter across 11 seasons of "ER."

He's played in several shows since then, most noticeably as Dr. "Robby" Robinavitch in "The Pitt."

He won back-to-back Emmys for Lead Actor in a Drama Series in 2025 and 2026.

So, practically, he's definitely earned the title from PEOPLE. But he's not who the people wanted. And this seems to be a trend with this award.

In 2019, John Legend won and it is widely considered the most criticized pick in the franchise's history. Blake Shelton won in 2017 and was met with disbelief over the choice. Adam Levine was crowned in 2013 and was viewed as too safe of a pick and didn't really stand out against other celebs of that year.

PEOPLE Magazine has also made some epic picks in the past, like Chris Evans, Idris Elba and Jonathan Bailey. But, this year's winner just wasn't what the people wanted to see.

So, your Life Editor and I decided we could come up with a variety of better options for this year's Sexiest Man Alive.

Ella's Picks

Pedro Pascal

After his face reveal in "The Mandalorian," Pascal has been a common name in the movie industry. He gives off a rugged, silver fox look that would've been perfect. It's high time he gets the respect he deserves.

Robert Pattinson

Pattinson has had a record year in 2026, starring in blockbusters "The Drama," "The Odyssey," "Primetime" and "Dune: 3" later this year. In an effort to bury his Edward Cullen past, he's given incredible performances and looks extra fine.

David Corenswet

The "Superman" actor reappeared in "Supergirl" this year and renewed fan's interest in Corenswet. He's a newer actor but is quickly proving himself worthy of love. He has a classically handsome face and sweet disposition that could easily have earned himself Sexiest Man this year.

Ahtziry's Picks

Hudson Williams & Connor Storrie

I would actually give up my firstborn child for Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie. They are the most precious and beautiful people ever, and I love them with my entire heart. Aside from that, they are probably the hottest thing since sliced bread. "Heated Rivalry" was truly a cultural phenomenon–my life was wholeheartedly changed.

Cillian Murphy

Murphy stunned in the Netflix original "Peaky Blinders," and, in 2023, mega-stunned on the big screen in his lead role as J. Robert Oppenheimer in the Academy Award Best Picture winner "Oppenheimer." He is perfectly awkward, personable, gorgeous, and truly as fine as white wine in the summertime.

Jude Bellingham

I'm not going to lie… Jude Bellingham was probably my biggest motivator getting through the 2026 Men's World Cup. Please, more of him on my screen. I'm not even completely sure what country he played for, but I'm gonna confidently say: England. Right? Who cares, because he mogs both in looks and in skill on the pitch. Chef's kiss.



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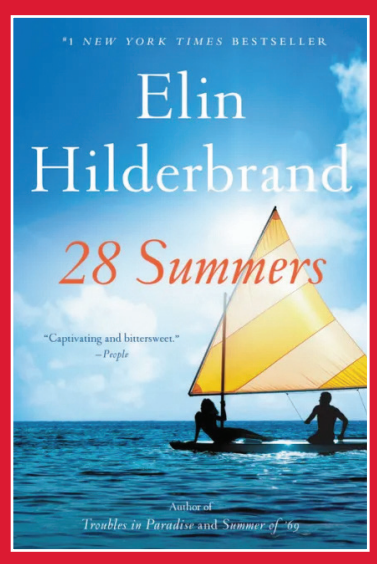
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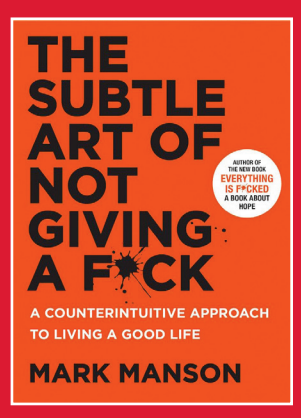
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In honor of National Author's Day on Nov. 1, Herald Editors share their favorite quote from a favorite book.

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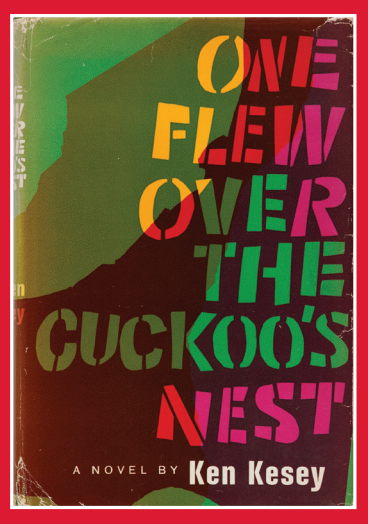
"And the worst thing about being young is not being able to appreciate that you're young because you aren't old enough to know any better."
"28 Summers"
- Elin Hilderbrand





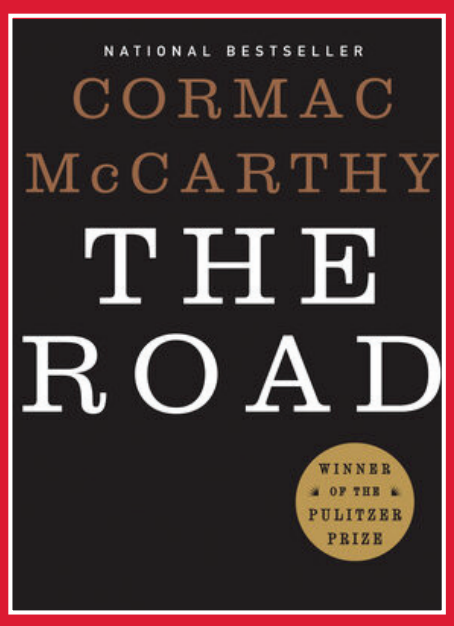
Shayaan Sayeed
Opinion Editor

"You are not special."
"The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck"
- Mark Manson



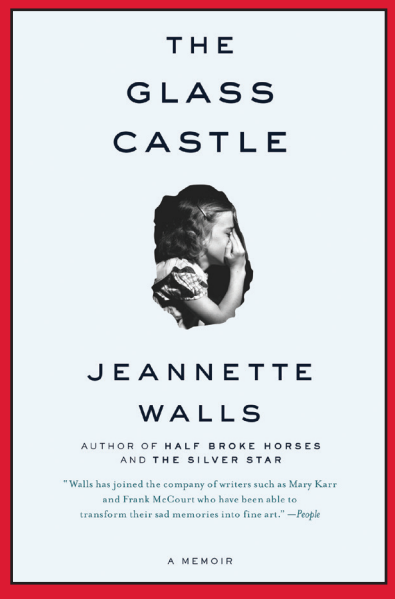
Sooyeong Choi
Photo Editor

"You can't really be strong until you see a funny side to things."
"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
- Ken Kesey



Eric Fluke
Sports Editor

"He knew only that the child was his warrant. He said: If he is not the word of God God never spoke."
"The Road"
- Cormac McCarthy



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"Things usually work out in the end."
"What if they don't?"
"That just means you haven't come to the end yet."
"The Glass Castle"
- Jeanette Walls

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"You do not own the thing that you love."
"Born a Crime"
- Trevor Noah

